

South Wellington Coin Society

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Welcome

Welcome to the inaugural meeting of the South Wellington Coin Society! Here is some background on the early history of the Society.

Origin

The beginning of the South Wellington Coin Society can be traced back to an enterprising group of individuals. This group saw the gap that was left when the Guelph club disbanded and were further encouraged by a wealth of interest coming from fellow numismatists residing in the area.

Executive

The South Wellington Coin Society has entered its rookie season under the guidance of a committee with a formal election of officers at a later date (tentatively scheduled for June?). Bob Zmija has offered his assistance with the duties of a treasurer.

Membership

Here is your opportunity to get in on the ground floor! Memberships can be obtained for \$10 an individual and a family membership is a steal at \$15. Act now!

Meeting Location & Agendas

For our meetings we have graciously been offered space by the Eramosa Library. Thanks go out to Tony Zmija for his efforts in finding us a home.

Monthly Bulletins

Expect an entertaining and educational experience at our meetings. Plans are already in action to bring in guest speakers. Tonight's main event will be a Mike Hollingshead presentation on Wellington Country Scrip. Other Attractions are to include dealer tables

and, at a later date, the always popular auctions.

South Wellington Coin Society Insignia

We hope to follow in the footsteps of other great coin societies by offering a "cameo" newsletter. Our Bulletins will be a product of the collaboration of a number of individuals. We have secured the expertise of a graphic artist as part of the team. Early issues will be distributed at meetings until we have established a mailing list.

Design work on an insignia to represent us is underway. Bob Zmija has been active in researching the heritage of the area, making use of the Wellington County Museum. We hope his findings will help to install some heritage in to our logo. As you may already have noted, a logo has been used at the top of this news letter. As this is only a proposed logo any input from our new members would be appreciated and encouraged. Thank you.

Next Meeting

Date: April 18, 1997

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Guest Speaker & Topic To Be Announced



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Numismatic Literature

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"Buy the book before the coin"

Aaron Feldmans famous quote may be an old one but it is a timeless one as well.

This piece of wisdom has not been lost on the modern day collector. Many fine books and articles have been created because of a thirst for more in-depth answers. Many of the works bequeathed to us by our numismatic forefathers have been recycled and reintroduced to the delight of today's knowledge seeker.

Numismatic literature is as diverse as coin collecting itself. Use of its broad range of topics for research creates an educational tool not only useful now but in generations to come.

In the study of Canadian numismatic history we find the main source of material to be contained within the pages of the early auction catalogs from the period of the late 19th century. In the United States well-known dealers such as Edouard Frossard, Lyman Low, Ed Cogan, Elliot Woodward, S.H. & H. Chapman and others were the major source for numismatic buyers.

For Canada these early sale catalogs are very important, as new material in the aid of research would not again come to light until the 1950's with the establishment of the Canadian Numismatic Association. We owe a huge debt of gratitude to these early pioneers of the CNA, Major Sheldon S. Carroll, L.J.P. Brunet, M. Lafortune, G.R.L. Potter and the others involved in the start of this great institution.

Of course we have always been able to fall back on the pages of the 'Numismatist' of the (ANA) American Numismatic Association. An institution for over 100 years some of the finest numismatists of our time have graced the pages of the 'Numismatist' with well

researched articles.

The shorter articles that are available to us in these periodicals serve to whet our appetite for more in-depth reading.

Of course if you consider starting a numismatic library you may find that you have neither the funds nor the room required to house it. The ANA and the CNA have outstanding libraries available to their members and can send the books you need for that valuable research directly to your home for the very low cost of postage.

This is also the value of joining a local club such as the South Wellington Coin Society. The national associations can provide you with up-to-date general information but at the local club level you will meet other collectors of the same interests or others that will open new doors for you into areas that you previously knew nothing about. Most clubs will issue a Bulletin which will also provide you with added numismatic knowledge as some very fine articles are found in club newsletters.

Finally, if you have any doubt about the value of numismatic research I suggest that you select any coin, medal or token from your collection. Research this piece until you learn all there is to know. When you can say 'I know what it is' then the answer to 'What's it worth...' becomes dramatically obvious.

"HAPPY COLLECTING."

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